

## 'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Two Sikeston men who bet on a ball game recently at Chaffee were arrested and fined \$30 each for their violation of the law.

A tax receipt eighty-one years old, issued by the state of Virginia in 1835, recently was found in remodeling a Saline county residence.

During a recent street fight at Elvina St. Francis county, it is said that sixteen men took part, using rocks, bricks, and beer bottles as weapons. Nobody was seriously hurt.

The Pettis county jail at Sedalia lost eight of the eighteen prisoners confined there on Friday morning when a large cell was forced from which escape was thought impossible.

The man, who owned a peach orchard in the Koshkonong-Brandsville fruit district this year had a gold mine. According to figures just given out the crop this year amounted to 217 cars, valued at more than \$200,000.

A dog with the gout is among those visiting Excelsior Springs in search of health, the Standard says. He is Rajah, a monster Newfoundland, belonging to an Eastern man, and the dog makes regular pilgrimages to the springs under the guidance of a keeper.

There is no government land in Wright county according to the Mansfield Mirror, which says the last tract there has been homesteaded by Thomas H. Miles of Seymour. Less than one thousand acres of land is now subject to homestead in the entire state.

A farmer in Howell county told some of his neighbors that the prosecuting attorney of that county had been accepting bribes from bootleggers and not prosecuting them. As a result he was arrested for criminal slander, but made retraction and settled his case at once.

The sideshow midgels were delighted at a circus the other day when Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burton, of Holliday, strolled in to see the sights. Mr. Burton is forty-nine inches tall and Mrs. Burton's height is three inches less. Mr. Burton is a prosperous Monroe county farmer.

The Green City Fair association closed last week the most successful fair ever held in Green City, and possibly in North Missouri. Ten thousand persons were at the fair on Tuesday, the gate receipts running to over \$2,500. It is said that 1,800 automobiles paid admission into the grounds that day.

It seemed a shame to take the money of several Mexico youths the other day, when a stranger on the streets sold \$1 bills for seventy-five cents, "just to get the change." Soon he had some beautiful watches he wanted to sell, and the young men stilled their consciences and snapped them up. When the stranger left town hurriedly one of the customers grew suspicious and on examination found the timekeepers were of glass, artistically gilded. Then he realized the peddler knew what he said, when he said "he just wanted to get the change."

Windshields on buggies for protection against quails are needed in Christian county, according to the report of the Springfield Republican. J. A. Case says that on a recent trip to the county the Bob Whites were so thick that in flying past his buggy two of them hit their heads against the top and fell into his lap.

A new sort of intensive farming is reported by Judge Thompson, of Jamesport. Several days since when the Judge's children when out to the chicken house to gather eggs, they noticed a swarm of bees just under the roof. The Judge says some of the cones are already two feet long and there is at least a tub full of honey awaiting the gathering.

A strong man recently visited Coffey, and the citizens turned out to see him pull a plow through stubble ground, as advertised. The strong man tugged at the traces, but his feet slipped, and he couldn't budge. Finally one of the spectators climbed on the heavy weight's back to hold him to the ground, and the plow started right off and made a furrow.

Walnut shingles, homemade, were found in tearing down a large brick house built in Platte county seventy-one years ago. Under a staircase were several pairs of old-fashioned shoes with very high heels. Elderly residents of the neighborhood recall that it was a great place for parties and dances in the days before the Civil war. The site is being cleared for a modern 10-room residence.

J. P. Scowden has probably one of the oldest automobiles in the county that has seen continuous service. It is a two-cylinder Buick and was purchased nine years ago. He paid \$1,250 for it. The left front tube and tire has never had a puncture and the air has never been entirely out of it since he first got it. He has his third set of tires on the rear wheels. We don't believe this record can be beat anywhere.—Parnell Sentinel.

A couple of Barnard girls recently had their pictures taken in a rather remarkable pose. They were both wearing the same pair of pants—one girl in each leg of the trousers, which the town tailor had just finished for the world's largest postmaster, Clyde Perkins, Barnard's postmaster, who weighs 418 pounds. The Maryville Democrat-Forum tried to secure one of these pictures for publication, but found that they were for private circulation only.

In a pasture in Monroe county five mules and a horse were starved to death recently. The animals were the property of Buckman Brothers, horsemen, and with others were turned into the pasture in which was an old barn. To escape the heat a number of the animals went into the barn, when a gust of wind slammed the door shut, imprisoning them. When one of the Buckmans visited the barn the other day he found the prisoners, with six of them dead.



That he never has eaten meat or tasted pepper, coffee, tobacco or any form of alcohol is the assertion of an 18-year-old Greene county youth, the son of Seventh Day Adventist parents. He recently walked 130 miles cross country to attend a church conference, sleeping in straw stacks at night. The trip was finished in about three days.

The days of the circuit rider and the Sundays when young men put on their best suits of homespun and the girls carried their shoes under their arms until in sight of the "meetin' house," were recalled by a recent "Homecoming Day" of the Blackwater Methodist church, South, in Johnson county. The congregation began in 1822 with twenty-one members. Grandchildren of the original founders were among those who were present to eat fried chicken and old country ham.

As thrilling as the melodrama in which the heroine is jerked from the teeth of the old lumber mill's saw was the saving of a train at Elsberry the other night, when three hundred feet of track washed out during one of the most disastrous floods recalled in that vicinity. A resident discovered the damage and started down the track with a lantern, signaling the engineer to stop. Wind blew out the lantern's light. The train rushed on. But back at the station a man had seen the light. Grasping a red globed lantern he ran down the track after the train and was seen by trainmen in the caboose, who applied the air and brought the train to a standstill just in the nick of time.

A woman driving a crippled mule about the streets and saying her husband was dead, attracted the attention of the authorities in Sedalia several days since. She asserted that she was trying to get through from Columbia to Joplin. An investigation revealed that the woman's husband, instead of being dead, was waiting for her at the State fair grounds. Then the practical charity commenced. The mule was given a dose of strychnine to put it out of its misery, the man was given a job and set to work and the woman and her children were given a temporary home in the city hospital until other arrangements in their case could be made.—Henry County Democrat.

A white boy, 19 years old, stabbed and killed a negro about the same age over in Pemisot county last week. The two were with a road working gang and the white men had been tormenting the negro all day. When he made an effort to resent something he was stabbed and killed by the white boy. The general sentiment of the community is said to be against the white boy.

A. C. Tindle, serving a six-year term in the penitentiary for wrecking the Pemisot County Bank at Caruthersville by a series of embezzlements, was released on parole August 23, by Lieutenant Governor Painter. He had served 1 year and 1 month of the six years to which he was sentenced. An attempt was made last year to secure his release on parole by petition, but it aroused so much opposition that the matter was apparently dropped.

A ghost story is being recalled by elderly residents of Stone county, since the death of one of the principals in the episode. As the story goes, a party of young people had gone to a dance in Stone county one Christmas night, when early in the morning, on the return home, there appeared in front of them two men, both on horses, coming at breakneck speed, but the hoofs of their horses did not clatter on the frozen ground. The driver of the wagon reined in his horses to give them the road, when they separated, passing the wagon on each side, and as they swished by it was noticed neither had a head. One of the young women fainted and for several months her reason was in danger. Nothing more ever was seen of the "headless horseman."

The county court has a proposition up for consideration in the nature of a bond issue whereby all outstanding county warrants, now amounting to about \$50,000, can be taken up and the holders be paid. It is the desire of the court to get this matter before the people at once, so that it can be voted on at the general election in November, thus avoiding the expense of a separate election. By making a special effort the court feels sure that a bond issue can be floated on a five per cent basis and the county's indebtedness cleared up.—Caruthersville Republican.

## New Corn And Hog Cholera.

Hogs often take cholera soon after being put on a ration of new corn, and its use is often condemned on this account. New corn alone is not the cause of hog cholera, but it may be a factor, along with other conditions, that helps weaken the vitality and renders the animal less resistant to disease. In order that new corn may be fed with safety, the animals should be put in a healthy, vigorous condition before time to begin feeding.

When the animals are in a thrifty growing condition, there should be much less danger but the herd should be gotten on full feed gradually. It is well to give them about a stalk of corn per hog the first day, gradually increasing it by one stalk a head every other day so that it is getting two stalks the third day, three stalks the fifth day, and so on until they are on full feed.

This gives the stomach time to adjust itself to the new ration and is a specially good thing to do before turning old hogs into the field to hog down corn. It is less necessary in case of the shoats which are not so likely to overfeed because they do not have the weight and experience which enable them to break down the stalks very rapidly.—E. R. Spence, University of Missouri College of Agriculture.

## Changing Breeds or Changing Feeds.

In traveling over the country we often find poultry breeders who are continually changing from one breed to another, and in the same way we find men changing from one feed or system of feeding to another. Neither seems to make very much progress.

The first man seems to think that all depends upon the breed or variety and when one breed fails for him, he sells the stock he has, buys a new start and begins all over again, but follows the same old system of feeding and care which failed before, and as a result, in two or three years, is ready to sell out and try some other breed.

The second man thinks it is all in feeding and tries everything he hears of in the form of poultry food, not staying with one feed or system of feeding long enough to get definite results.

The facts are that neither breeding nor feeding alone will succeed, but proper feeding will bring good results.

Of the many lessons learned in the Egg Laying Contests conducted at this Station, the two which stand out very prominently are that there is no "best" breed and no "best" feed. Almost every breed and variety can point with pride to some winning made in the contest. This leads us to believe that there is more in the breeding than there is in the breed or variety, and that strain tells more than either. In other words, we believe that it is possible through breeding to produce either high or low egg producers.

It is also true that a person can influence the number of eggs produced through the feeding. The proper solution of this problem is for every poultry raiser to select the variety he likes best and is best suited to his conditions, and improve his flock by selecting breeding stock and work out a system of feeding which is the most practical, using as a base for the ration the feed which is the cheapest and easiest obtained, and purchasing only such feeds as are needed to produce a balance.

## SUBMARINE MINE LAYER CAPTURED

Strange German Craft Is Caught Off East Coast of England.

## DARING DEED BY OFFICER

Goes Down in Diving Suit and Detaches Detonators From Mines—Nevel Boat Is Laid Up in the Thames.

London.—A queer German submarine, caught just as it was about to lay mines off the East coast, has been placed on exhibition in the Thames and viewed by hundreds of thousands of sightseers.

This is not one of the fast, big U-boats which have preyed on shipping, but a little fellow without guns or torpedo tubes, built solely for mine laying.

Some weeks ago a British destroyer was out exercising off the coast. When she sighted this submarine, the German boat was in difficulties. It was misty weather. The destroyer drew close and the English seamen noticed that all the crew of the U-boat seemed to be on deck.

The British commander called on the Germans to surrender. The latter hauled down their flag, and by their hands above their heads. At word from their commander they jumped into the water and swam dear life away from the ship.

Saves the Ship. Internal explosions followed and the last and heaviest a cascade of hammocks and other debris shot out of the open conning tower to a height of 40 feet. That there was this for the explosive forces probably saved the ship, but as it was she was a good deal of water.

Although the submarine had no mines, two had been released, the force of the explosions and the foul of the bottom of the vessel. Contact with the "horns," which jut out all around the mines, would have set off enough high explosive to win a battleship.

A young British officer now formed a highly difficult and dangerous task. He went down in a diving suit and made the mines safe by attaching the detonators, afterwards cutting the mines in a safe position.

This submarine is the "U-5," carried 12 mines. She was built five sections in Germany, brought Zebrugge, on the Belgian coast freight cars, and there put together. She displaces 195 tons floating and submerged. She was submerged by being out certain tanks and by the use of hydroplanes. Her length is 57 feet.

Carries Mines. Amidships is the conning tower, periscope and wireless mast. Forward of the conning tower are six air locks in which the mines are stored, two to a shoot. The mines were discharged electrically from conning tower.

These mines weigh 1,200 pounds and cost about \$800 each. One of their horns is jarred ship's hull, a glass vial in the horn is broken, letting loose a which energizes a battery, and mine explodes with terrific violence. The craft is propelled by heavy-oil engines and electric motors charged before leaving. She crawls along at a speed of six knots.

Her officers and crew number persons in all and they were comfortably crowded when they were under water.

## WEDDED IN WAR BY

Private in Washington National on Border Is Married by Telegraph.

Calxico, Cal.—I. P. Cryster, vate of the Washington National Guard, on duty here, and Miss Sweeney of Duquesne, Pa. united in marriage by telegraph days ago, it was stated here, and witnesses, it was said, participated in the ceremony here and quies.

Chaplain S. C. Sulliger of ver, Wash., officiated at Calico entire wedding ceremony was by the telegraph between the bride and his bride in Pennsylvania.

The couple, it was stated, friends for years. Cryster's married recently to Miss Sweeney, a brother-in-law. A proposal, followed by a copy of acceptance to have led to the marriage.